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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director
CALTRANS, 1120 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP AMENDMENT NUMBER 2

We have completed our review of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment Number 2 that was submitted with your letter dated December 18, 1997. This amendment adds FSTIP programming in the amount of \$167,000 for a Class One Bike Path in Madera County on the Fresno River Trail System.

This letter constitutes FHWA/FTA joint approval and inclusion of Amendment No. 2 into California's 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP. The project programmed by this amendment is exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134]. This approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that funding for the additional programming provided by this amendment is available within the constraints provided in the current FSTIP Financial Plan.

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional offices of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode FSTIP amendments dated March 8, 1996.

Sincerely yours,

For:
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator
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